IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph No. 01, on page 1, of the application with the following:

[01] This application claims the benefit of the earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/478,376 filed June 13, 2003, titled "Framing and Synchronization for Digital Satellite Broadcasting and Interactive Services," U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/482,111 filed June 24, 2003, titled "Framing and Synchronization for Digital Satellite Broadcasting and Interactive Services," and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/482,117 filed June 13, 2003 June 24, 2003, titled "Framing Structure and Acquisition Method for Rapid Synchronization"; the entireties of which are incorporated herein by reference.